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Appl. No. 09/669,042
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ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicants request that the Examiner amend the claims in this case as provided in this supplemental amendment, and that the Examiner examine the claims contained herein for the next Office action. A courtesy copy of this amendment is also being faxed directly to the Examiner.

Claims 2-15 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been canceled. Claims 16-19 have been added by the amendment.

Applicants note that Weinrich does not teach an acoustically sealed acoustic lead between an opening and a transducer output, as recited in new claim 16, and thus that claim is patentable over the reference, as are dependent claims 17-19.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32992.

Respectfully submitted,

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